

## Trying To Decide On Wood Flooring For Your Home?

Spring is just around the corner and many homeowners are looking for ways to spruce up and improve the looks of the interior of their homes. Certainly one of the best ways to update a home that has been carpeted is to add a hardwood floor or laminate flooring.



Real hardwoods are more expensive but there is no doubting the absolute beauty, richness and warmth they add. Today's laminate flooring can mimic the look of genuine wood; however, they are much less costly. One positive note for laminate is that it will not scratch the way wood can. This can be an important factor when the homeowner has pets with long toenails - like big dogs. Sometimes when a large dog tries to get traction on a wood floor, he can inadvertently leave scratch marks. This will not happen with laminate.

On the down side walking on a laminate floor does not sound the same as walking on a wood floor. The wood floor is solid and your steps will sound solid. With laminate your steps make somewhat of an echo. Experts say that if you have a thin padding laid beneath the laminate, it will absorb much of the echoing sound.



The decision between hardwoods and laminate will usually come down to budget. Be prepared because there are some [Wood flooring in Cape town](#) choices that are rarer than others and prices can vary widely even in the wood category.

So you have made up your mind. Now what? You think you want something in a lighter stain because your décor is contemporary. However, some very dark woods really enhance a modern lifestyle. What if you have a traditional home? What are the colors of your walls and furniture? The only way you will really know how a particular wood or stain will look in your home is to see it in its complete form. Does this mean you have to install your flooring and then decide whether you like it or not?

There is computer software that lets you upload a picture of your room and allows you to change the colors of the walls, furniture or flooring to visualize what kind of impact it will make. So that's where you begin.



If you began the process thinking you would like a light wood or laminate, insert a floor made from unfinished redwood, natural hickory, and light oak or unfinished pine. If none of these strike your fancy, look into a white oak or a champagne stain. Also explore the options of narrow plank and wide plank. You may decide that the lighter stain does not compliment your walls and [Bamboo flooring in Cape town](#).

The beauty of wood floors as well as laminate floors is that the variety of stains can be light, medium, dark and close to ebony. Some stains are rich, warm and traditional while others can be light, casual and cottage or beach. When you see how the stain choice enhance your room, the decision making will become very simple.